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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

30 In response to the complete Office Letter mailed August 26,
1999, kindly amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

35 Amend the claims of record 1 and 8, as follows:

- a' 1. (AMENDED) A computer implemented method for calculating an
importance rank for N linked nodes of a linked database,
the method comprising the steps of:
(a) selecting an initial N-dimensional vector p_0 wherein each
component of p_0 represents a probability that a user will
arrive at a given node after a large number of forward

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